



**Governor's Forest Health ADVISORY Council Meeting**  
**November 13, 2003 – 1:30 PM**  
**Northern Arizona University, du Bois Center – Freemont Room**

## MINUTES

**Members in Attendance:**

Co-Chair                Taylor McKinnon, Grand Canyon Trust  
Co-Chair                Beth Zimmerman, Arizona Department of Emergency Management

Lori Faeth, Governor's Office  
Deb Hill, Coconino County  
John Kennedy, AZ Game and Fish Dept.  
Robert Lacapa, BIA/Fort Apache  
Karl Siderits, USDA Forest Service  
Ed Smith, The Nature Conservancy  
Richard Van Demark, Southwest Forestry

Proxy Attendees:    Chuck Bullington for Wally Covington, NAU  
                             Sharon Galbreath for Brian Nowicki, Ctr. for Biological Diversity

Absent:                 Steve Campbell, Carl Edminster, Marty Moore,  
                             Kirk Rowdabaugh, Thomas Swetnam, Don Falk

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Call to Order

Meeting called to order at 1:45 pm by Co-Chair Zimmerman.

Introduction of Participants - Attendees

Participants introduced themselves and stated their affiliation.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the 10/23/03 meeting were reviewed and corrections made. Corrections include: John Kennedy and Ed Smith will be added to the attendance list. Meeting was called to order by Co-Chair McKinnon instead of Zimmerman. Future meeting dates will be held on the second Thursday of every month instead of the third Thursday. The font will be changed to make the document consistent. Deb Hill made the motion and it was seconded by Lori Faeth-motion passed unanimously.

Announcements

Co-Chairs McKinnon and Zimmerman attended a meeting concerning proper scheduling and protocol to conduct the Governor-established Oversight and Advisory council meetings. They would like the meetings to adhere more closely to Robert's Rules of Order procedures. Subsequent meetings will be held on the second Thursday of every month. Oversight Council meetings will be held in the morning and Advisory Council in the afternoon. There will be more voting on items and the minutes will include who put forward the motion and who seconded it. Public comment cards will be

placed on the sign-in table with name and affiliation; this will be documented in the minutes.

The Oversight Council will be holding an all-day working session in Payson (similar to the session held in Show Low by the Advisory Council) to work on guiding principles on December 10. The Governor will announce the Guiding Principles soon, the Advisory Council will be notified of her approval.

Lori Faeth reported that the second annual Governors' Conference will be held at Embry-Riddle on March 19. They are working on an agenda and asked that the date be held for that meeting. A notice will be forthcoming.

D. Willis announced at the Oversight Council meeting this morning that an International Fire Chiefs' Association meeting will be held in Phoenix on February 17. Council members are welcome to attend and invitations will be sent out.

Lori Faeth reported that after Governor Napolitano declared Arizona a state of emergency due to the on-going drought and bark beetle damage, the President denied emergency funding three days after the devastating California fires. This decision is being appealed. Help is being sought from FEMA's assistance program and any messages of support would be welcome. Lori will send a copy of the appeal to Co-Chair McKinnon.

#### Discussion and Action

Co-Chairs McKinnon and Zimmerman led the discussion concerning following a more formal protocol for meetings. However, it was decided that addressing the Co-Chairs could be more informal, i.e. Co-Chair McKinnon and Zimmerman rather than "Madam or Mr. Co-Chair". Lori Faeth made the motion and it was seconded by Deb Hill. Motion passed unanimously.

The Guiding Principles for Forest Health Management were approved by the Oversight Council and are ready to go to the Governor. After review by the Governor, the Advisory Council will be notified.

**Subcommittee Announcements/Discussion:** The meetings will be tracked when they meet, but no formal minutes will be required. Documentation will be distributed. Anyone wishing to join a subcommittee should notify the subcommittee chair. Member names should be sent to Corey Cox.

Ed Smith asked if the public can participate in subcommittees. Co-Chair Zimmerman stated that the public can actively participate in subcommittees and they are encouraged to do so. Revisions will be made to the web site and subcommittee information will be moved to the main page. A statement will be added that any member of the public can participate in subcommittees.

John Kennedy stated that he would like to get updates of any subcommittee reports that are given to the Oversight Council. Corey Cox will distribute any updates.

- **Monitoring and Evaluation**  
Steve Campbell was not there for the last meeting and Corey Cox reported that no report has been provided yet.
- **Utilization and Commerce**  
Taylor McKinnon was not aware of any meeting since the last budget meeting. Lori Faeth reported the next meeting will be the week of Nov. 17. Corey Cox has

minutes from the last meeting and will distribute them. Corey will also add the listing of all subcommittees to the web page and distribute this information to all the council members.

- **Zoning and Implementation**  
Corey Cox announced that a report was given to the Oversight Council of recommendations regarding revisions to the State Fire Code and proposed legislative changes. Darrell Willis will be tracking the changes to the fire code. Further recommendations will be made at the next Oversight Council meeting. Corey Cox will distribute a matrix of meetings.

#### Draft Work Plan

Copies of a draft work plan put together by Taylor McKinnon were passed out. The goal for today's meeting is to finish Executive Order Goal #2: "monitor and evaluate results of existing demonstration restoration projects in Arizona to share lessons learned" and goal #5 "develop incentives for homeowners and homeowner associations to make their homes and properties fire safe." The draft plan outlined a timeline from November through June of 2004. A list of completed projects will be kept updated on the website.

#### Executive Order Goal #5

A draft copy of goal #5 was distributed and revisions were made to the document at the meeting. A discussion was held on the value of incentives. Deb Hill questioned if there is any evidence that incentives work better than mandates to achieve the goal. The Advisory Council writes the problem statement, following scientific principles. It is then passed to the Oversight Council and they are charged to develop the incentives or mandates as appropriate.

**ACTION:** Taylor McKinnon offered to work on the text of the problem statement section and rework the wording and will include shadow documents with scientific background.

**ACTION:** Staff will follow-up with the State Land Department for new homes being added to areas at risk.

#### Articles of Interest

Articles of interest that are sent out electronically by Staff will not go on the website. Distribution of the articles was discussed and it was decided the Council would like to receive them batched and distributed once a week, rather than getting them as they come in.

#### Next Meeting Date

The next meeting will be held in Payson on December 11. Oversight Council will be in the morning and Advisory Council will be in the afternoon. Please send any agenda items to Corey Cox.

#### Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 pm by Co-Chair Zimmerman.